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ST. JOHN BILLS.

Aid. Macrae on the question of the rate to be charged and the bill was de-ferred pending a conference to arrange a compromise.

The Carleton electric light bill was also held over for further considera-tion.

None of Them Fulfy Accepted as Yet.

St. John delegations were heard before the municipalities committee in Fredericton this morning.

The foreshores bill was opposed by J. Fraser Gregory and Henry Hilyard. The attoracy general expressed the opinion that the city had no right to the property, but that it was really provincial and that therefore the bill ought to be a government measure. The bill was referred to a special committee to eliminate the objectionable clauses and prepare a bill to define the harbor line with a clause stating that there would be no interference with vested rights.

The Lancaster water bill was objected to by Coun. James Lowell and

#### IN INDIANTOWN.

Spring Revivications—Clatter and Bustle Instead of Winter Silence.

River Steamers Extensively Repair ed-loe Out as Far Up as Purdy's Point-New Appointments.

In no place in this city is the change ffected by the coming of spring more parent than in its farthest northern atremity. Indiantown during the

affected by the coming of spring more apparent than in its farthest northern extremity. Indiantown during the winter is very quiet.

But with the coming of spring a sudden and almost miraculous revivication takes place. When a Star reporter strolled down the hill today the place was alive with signs of the approaching busy open season. The warm sunlit air was redolent of spruce boards and pine shavings, and vocal with the click of mallets and hammers, the incisive stroke of cleaving axes, the flap of piling boards, and the cries of overseers and the swarms of men at work. All over every wharf carpenters, machinists and painters were rushing the job of preparing the various river steamers for the summer's work, and the schooners which have been berthed there all winter were stretching and drying their crimkled pinions for another season's flight.

The David Weston has been in the hands of the repairers ever since Christmas, and is practically a new boat. Her sides have been replaced. The whole main deck has been completely renewed, and a number of old knees and guards have been replaced. The whole main deck has been relaid, the machinery thoroughly overhauled under the supervision of Chief Engineer Allen and the whole boat repainted. The carpenter work has been done under the direction of George Estey, and Samuel Thorne has had the oversight of the walnting.

The Victoria's machinery has been overhauled, her guards have been repaired and a new coat of paint given throughout.

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The Star came up through the falls on Saturday last from the blocks where she has been lying all winter. Her whole hull and lower timbers are practically new and a handsome coat of paint has been given.

The May Queen has received new deckbeams and new bulwarks, her guards have been largely replaced, new hard pine bits and chalks have been put in, as well as new combings, stringers, carlings and stanchions nearly all over the boat. New planks and knees have been placed in the bottom, which will also be thoroughly scraped and recalked. The painting operations began today under whe charge of Wm. Mercer. Wm. Napler of Carleton is looking after the carpenter work, and Engineer Kennedy is carefully overhauling the machinery. Capt. Charles Brennan returned a short time ago from a trip down south, which has greatly benefitted his health. He will probably the able to resume his old position as captain of the May Queen this summer.

The schooner W. H. Watters finished

has been undergoing complete re-pairs this winter and will be repaint-ed.

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Hallet Mabee, one of the crew of the Hampstead last summer will be mate of the same boat during the coming

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The river opened this morning as far as Purdy's Point, about 14 miles up, and practically all the fee is out of the bay. This is weeks ahead of last year's record, when it was well into April before the similar amount of clear water was in evidence. Reports from upriver claim that the fee is very poor and that the general break up will come soon if anything like the present weather continues.

The first good sized catch of gaspereaux was brought down the river this morning by Byron Chase of McCormick's Cove, who landed 250 beautes there last night. He reports several large flocks of wild geese in Grand Bay.

AN ELEPHANT ON THEIR HANDS. Insane Man in City Jall Not Wanted by the City, Local or Dominion Government.

An interesting legal point has arisen in the case of Michael Collins, the many who was sentenced to Dorchester for two years for assaulting Sergt. Hipwell with an iron bar. At that time serious doubts existed as to the many sanity, in spite of which he was sent to Dorchester. After being there a short time his actions assured the authorities of the penitentlary of his demented condition, and he was handed back to the city. Since then he has been kept in the jail here, where his peculiar behavior has given untold trouble to the officials. One pleasant little fad of his, which only a constant watch prevents. Is that of stripping himgelf and setting fire to his clothes. He has now been here two weeks, during which time efforts have been made to have him taken to the asylum. But here the difficulty arises. This is the first time it has happened that a

prisoner has been sent back as unfit for Dorchester, and the authorities have no precedent to go by for his dis-posal. The provincial government claims that the prisoner is now the property of the dominion, having been accepted at Dorchester, and that if he is taken to the asylum the dominion government should pay the cost of his keeping.

Deputy Sheriff Rankine saw the attorney general in the matter yesterday, and Mr. Pugsley will bring it before the local government today, so that a decision is expected soon. Meanwhile though the prisoner is undoubtedly without the jurisdiction of the county, he is in the county jail and there he must remain at the county's expense until an order of removal is received from the attorney-general.

The St. John jail is fast becoming an asylum for everything wild and woolly that can possibly be crowded into it.

#### NORWAY'S IRON ORE.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Apropos the discussion of the organization combination of steel manufacture of Great Britain to resist the oper-ions of the United Steel corporation tions of the United Steel corporation, various statements have been published during the last few days relative to the acquisition of extensive iron ore deposits in Norway, and the effect which working of such deposits by Edison's new crushing and magnetic extraction processes may have on the British and American iron markets. The chairman of the Edison ore milling syndicate now admits that the Sunderland iron ore deposits in Norway have been acquired, but he adds that as it is eighteen months since they got the option it must be obvious that the acquisition of the property cannot be regarded as a counter blast to the securing of the principal North American iron deposits by the United States Steel corporation. It is claimed by the syndicate that they are now enabled to take two tons of low grade non-bessemere are, and by combined Edison processes, produce from it over one ton of high grade bessemere ore, averaging 55 per cent. of metallic iron. It is the intention of the syndicate to erect works and ship the ore exclusively to British iron masters, there being already a market for it at superior prices.

#### THE OPHIR'S JOURNEY.

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MALITA, March 25.—The steamer Ophir, bearing the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall on their tour, arrived here this morning. The warships in the harbor were manned and dressed. In Valletta great crowds filled the terraces and the ramparts commanding the harbor. The Ophir was met eighteen miles out by a fiotilla of ten torpedo boat destroyers and entered the harbor amid salvos of artillery from Stangelo, the citadel, the forts and the warships. After receiving the officials the duke and the duchess tanded and drove to Porto Reele and thence to the palace. The balconies along the route were filled with cheering spectators. The entire distance from the landing place to the palace was brightly decorated and lined with troops and blue jackets.

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The schooner W. H. Watters finished loading today with lumber for Beverly, Mass., Schr. Pansy, Likely master, is loading boards for Boston, and schooner Georgia of Chicago is taking a big cargo of the same for New York. The Burlington main line to the onthwest is tied up west and east of Alliance and all trains are held. The storm in western Nebraska is the worst in years, and will cause great damage to stock interests. Snow is reported from four to twelve inches deep, with a strong wind blowing. Eastern Nebraska is drenched with rain. Reports from Long Pine, Nebraska, show that the Elikovn road is blocked and all trains are tied up.

#### 'A LIVELY TIME.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A lively authreak occurred at a meeting of sympathizers with the Russian nihilists, held in a hall at No. 48. Henry street, last nght, is which considerable blood was spilled and damage done to the furniture. The object of the meeting was to raise funds for the nihilists. The meeting went on peacefully until a man in the middle of the hall began to count a roll of money. Then a rush was made for him and a free fight followed. Chairs and benches were used as weapons, and howls of rage were meant on every side. Some of the more timid of the nihilist sympathizers tried to get out of the place, but somebody had locked the door. There were cries of "kill the sples," "there are government sples among us," and several of the men were thrown bodily down stairs when the door was finally opened. A call for the police frightened the combatants, and the fighting ceased, it was then decided to hold a meeting at later date.

#### NEW STAMPS.

#### CHINESE AFFAIRS

How to Police the Legation Quarters in Pekin.

The American Dead Will be Sent to the United States in

PEKIN, March 24.—The foreign ministers seem utterly unable to agree as to the best method of policing the legation quarters. The proposition most favored by the majority and most complained of by the minority, provides that men of the regular armies shall be detailed for the service under one office connected with the allies. United States special commissioner, Rockehill, is one of those the object to this plan, as is also the British minister. Sie Ernest Satow, who says that though an injernational force is desirable it would be better that the police detail should be composed of soldiers not liable to be called away when most useful. It is also undesirable, he thinks, that the commandant should be able to be called away when most us ful. It is also undesirable, he think that the commandant should be cofficer actively connected with a army, while the intention to make eal legation practically an armed camp a great mistake and is liable to cau frictions, and it would be far bett to make a general international di

rictions, and it would be far better to make a general international district.

The home ministers are seriously considering the advisability of asking the government to re-consider the decision in favor of big legation guards, as being liable not only to keep the court from returning to Pekin, but also as a continual source of danger in the dealings with the Chinese. They say it would be impossible to keep the guards entirely within the legation quarter as Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang insist. To agree to this would make it impossible to guarantee order especially when the Chinese troops shall have returned to Pekin. One drunken soldier outside the foreign settlement, they say, might cause another war.

The time which the Russians have given the Chinese to sign the Manchurian agreement expires on Tuesday, and should the agreement not be signed then Russia will break off the negotiations. The agreement practically annexes Manchuria. Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang consulted this morning, but did not decide either to sign the conference or appeal to the powers.

On behalf of China, Li Hung Chang desires to express gratitude to America for her position in the matter.

The attitude of M. Decliers, the Russian minister, at the meeting of the foreign representatives, is embarrassing and causes considerable annoyance. He either refuses to agree with the other ministers or holds apart entrely. A committee will consider the question of China's ability as regards indemnity and the most practical methods for guaranteeing payment of indemnity to the powers.

It is thought not likely on account of Sir Robert Hart's increasing age and the gradual approach of feebleness, that he will continue long in charge of the imperial customs on behalf of the powers. The bodies of Captain Riley and seven enlisted men, which have been buried at the American legation, were removed to the temple of agriculture this morning with military honors. General Chaffee and his entire staff accompanying the remains.

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The body of an American marine buried at the Russian legation will be removed on Tuesday with the same honors. The bodies will leave on board the transport Egbert for the United States about the middle of April.

The signal corps has completed all arrangements and is awaiting transportation to Manila.

BERLIN March 25.—A despatch

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BERLIN, March 25.—A despatch from Pekin to the Cologne Gazette, dated Sydney, March 24, says that at the first formal meeting of the committee on indemnity, held in Pekin Sunday, it was decided to invite Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs, Mgr. Favier, vicar apostolic at Pekin, and other experts, financial and otherwise,, to submit proposals on the best methods for raising the amount of indemnity to be demanded from China.

#### BRIEFS BY WIRE.

LIVERPOOL, March 25. — The produce exchange will be closed on April 5, 6 and 8.

LONDON, March 25.—The British steamer City of Venice, which grounded Saturday night in a dangerous position seventeen miles helow Calcutta, has been floated.

sition seventeen mines delow calcutes, has been floated.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The Most Rev. John Travers Lewis, who has been very ill at the hotel Empire, this city, and whose condition yesterday was considered critical, was said to be improving today.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 25.—According to private advices from Macedonia a band of Turks massacred three Bulgarian families, men, women and children, in the village of Aghamahalleh, near Seres, a town of forty-seven miles northeast of Salonica. Details of the outrage have not been received. The news created a profound sensation.

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